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SUBJ: THE SECRETARY'S FOREIGN POLICY REPORT

FOLLOWING IS TURKEY PORTION SECRETARY'S FOREIGN POLICY
REPORT FOR 1972 WHICH WILL BE RELEASED IN WASHINGTON
APRIL 19:

QUOTE IN MARCH, WHEN HE WAS STILL THE TURKISH PRIME
MINISTER, NIHAAT ERIM MET WITH PRESIDENT NIXON IN WASHING-
TON. THE TWO LEADERS DISCUSSED THE FULL RANGE OF TURKISH-
AMERICAN BILATERAL RELATIONS, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS
ON OUR COMMON SECURITY CONCERNS IN EUROPE AND THE EASTERN
MEDITERRANEAN, AS WELL AS MAJOR INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. IN
A JOINT STATEMENT FOLLOWING THE MEETING, PRESIDENT NIXON
STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE THE UNITED STATES ATTACHED TO ITS
CLOSE RELATIONS WITH TURKEY AND TO TURKEY'S ROLE AS
AN IMPORTANT NATO ALLY.

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COLLABORATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAS BEEN MOST EVIDENT IN COMBATING THE WORLDWIDE ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC. IN JUNE 1972 THE LAST TURKISH OPIUM POPPY CROP WAS HARVESTED-- UNDER ESPECIALLY VIGOROUS GOVERNMENT SUPERVISION AND CONTROL-- AND THE TURKISH BAN ON POPPY PLANTING BECAME EFFECTIVE. TURKISH AND AMERICAN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ARE WORKING CLOSELY TOGETHER TO SUPPRESS NARCOTICS SMUGGLING. IN ADDITION THE UNITED STATES GAVE ASSISTANCE

TO TURKEY FOR AGRICULTURAL CONTROL APRIL 20, 1973 ROGERS

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